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1. On 13 July 1953, the Nachrichten Kaserne, Weimar, was occupied by about 400 troops wearing blue-bordered black epaulets, including some with signal insignia. On 17 July, about 30 factory-new trucks were seen in the barracks yard and, between 14 and 17 July, troops were seen receiving instruction on arms and drilling.

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2. On 13 July, the Panzer Kaserne was occupied by about 100 troops wearing blue-bordered black epaulets, including some with signal insignia. Troops observed exclusively engaged in physical training. Motor vehicle was seen at the installation.<sup>2</sup>

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3. On 13 July, 7 trucks, 4 AA guns, 1 field kitchen and about 150 troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets with artillery insignia were entrained at the Weimar railroad station. the unit had come from the Fliegerhorst installation at Nohra airfield.<sup>3</sup>

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4. On 15 July, about 120 troops wearing black-bordered black epaulets, 10 trucks and radio trucks, and 3 motorcycles left the Heeresflak Kaserne in Gotha toward Molschleben for a signal exercise.

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5. Beginning 13 July, the Infanterie Kaserne in Zeitz was occupied by about 140 troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets with artillery and motor transport insignia. A undetermined number of troops engaged in field-wire laying at Muehigraben. From 13 to 18 July, about 25 troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets with artillery insignia and equipped with a truck and 4 sidecar motorcycles daily left the installation toward the woods.

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6. On 18 July, the Artillerie Kaserne was occupied by about 120 troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets with tank insignia. Troops observed during the period under review engaged in firing, physical training and arms inspection.

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7. On the evening of 9 July, artillery units with trucks and guns were entrained at the Ooerer Bahnhof in Pflaen. Local residents stated that, on 7 July, two troop trains were seen near the Mehlteuer and Kuerbitz railroad stations, proceeding toward north.<sup>6</sup>

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8. Between 18 and 19 July, 4 AA guns, 1 field kitchen, 4 trucks [redacted] and 100 troops wearing red-cornered black epaulets with artillery insignia, coming from the barracks installation north of Leninstrasse, were entrained in Chemnitz, probably toward Justerbog. [redacted] on 19 July, the same shipment was detrained in Justerbog. [redacted]

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1. [redacted] Comment. [redacted] the same occupation strength in the Nachrichten Kaserne [redacted] was occupied by the 91st Sig Regt (US) of the Eighth Gds Army. [redacted]

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2. [redacted] Comment. Another source, on 5 July, reported the Panzer Kaserne, which continually quartered a small signal unit, occupied by only a guard detail. [redacted]

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3. [redacted] Comment. An AAA battery of the 13th AAA Div presumably was entrained for Wustrow or Altegrabow. [redacted]

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4. [redacted] Comment. [redacted] army troops of the Eighth Gds Army [redacted] are not permanently stationed in the installation. [redacted] on 17 July, [redacted] the two installations on either side of Schubertstrasse heavily occupied. [redacted]. These observations tend to indicate that a special exercise, which involved signal units of the Eighth Gds Army, took place near Gotha.

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5. [redacted] Comment. The information does not indicate a change in the occupation of the installation. [redacted]

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6. [redacted] Comment. Units of the 27th Gun Artillery Regt of the 39th Gds Itz Rifle Div were presumably entrained for Ohrdruf. The train via Kuerbitz probably carried units who returned from border guard duty or from employment in the uranium mining district. [redacted]

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7. [redacted] Comment. The AAA battery of the 6th Gds AAA Div is believed to have been transferred to Koenigsbruck as usual, rather than to Justerbog.

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